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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)	
	:	Examiner: S. Kau
MASAO KATO	)	
	:	Group Art Unit: 2625
Application No.: 10/725,397	)	
	:	Confirmation No. 5019
Filed: December 3, 2003	)	
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For: IMAGE PROCESSING	)	
APPARATUS AND IMAGE	:	
PROCESSING METHOD	)	August 12, 2009

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to further examination on the merits, a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) having been filed concurrently herewith, and in response to the Office Action dated May 12, 2009, please amend the above-identified application as follows: